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**EAST FAIRFIELD
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*“Working, playing, and praying together
in our faith journeys to share Jesus Christ
with one another, our community, and the world.”*

**It's Back ...
East Fairfield United Methodist Church
ICE CREAM FESTIVAL**



**Saturday,
August 13, 2011
4:30 PM – 7:00 PM
at the church pavilion**



Homemade Ice Cream,
Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Hot Dogs,
Pasta Salad, Pie, Cake, Chips, and Beverages

Music by “Silver and Gold” (four hands, one piano)



**CONCERT IN THE PARK
Sunday, July 31, at 2:00 PM
at Firestone Park in Columbiana**

The Fellowship Team and the Outreach Team
will sponsor and host a concert at Firestone Park.

Eric Bable (Don Bable’s grandson) will perform
that day, along with ten other members in the Ensemble.

We will have a free give-away, hand out
brochures, and serve free homemade ice cream.

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WORD AND SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY

Over the years many of us have read the Bible through a variety of different lenses. When we were children we were often fascinated by the stories of Noah, Moses, and our Lord. As we grew older and more sophisticated in our learning, we became fascinated by the history and larger ideas of the various books of the Bible. In essence, the Bible has been a collection of writings that we have loved to study.

But, how can we read the words of the Bible in such a manner that they speak to us? The answer lies in the fact that there is a Spirit, God's Spirit, who seeks to connect with our spirits, through the words of the scripture. When we open our spirits to His Spirit, something inspiring happens. The Bible becomes more than storybook tales of "superheroes." It becomes more than an academic exercise. It becomes spiritual nourishment. More than this, it becomes just the spiritual nourishment that is suitable to our particular need.

It is with this understanding that we will begin an exciting six week study on Wednesday evenings beginning in August. Jim Freeman and I will lead a group of interested persons through a process of the ways in which we can read the scriptures that goes beyond the study of history, literature, and word meanings. We will learn the ways in which the scriptures can speak to us in profoundly personal ways. During the course of this hour we will learn not so much the ways in which we can study the Scriptures, but rather, the ways in which we can open our spirits in such a way that the Scriptures study us.

There are no registrations or sign up required for this study. There is no fee. There is no book required outside of your Bible. Simply show up on August 3, from 7:00-8:00 PM.. We look forward to seeing you.

Rev. Mike



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

JOY CIRCLE

We had our annual picnic at the home of Thelma Adams on July 6. There were 23 members present.

We sent cards to Lois Dickey, Alan Chamberlin, Marie Russell, Evelyn Albright, Herman Gorby, and Doris Garrod. We decided to donate the canning jars to Youth With a Purpose Boys Home. Georgia Farmer is making a quilt for Flat Rock. Our bus trip is August 10 to Middlefield, Ohio.

Our next regular meeting will be August 29 with Meryl Esenwein and Vesta Prus as hostesses.

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle has not met this summer.

Save the Date!

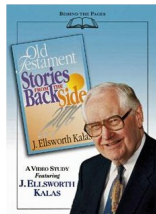
Saturday, September 17

for a very special morning of learning with one of the premier Bible scholars and teachers in Methodism:

Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas

East Fairfield UMC
9:00 am - 12:00 noon
(Includes light breakfast)

Dr. Kalas, past president of Asbury Theological Seminary, continues to teach Bible at Asbury and to write "...From the Backside" studies enjoyed by many congregations.



A memorable morning for clergy **and** laity and anyone with a love of Scripture!
Don't miss it!

Offered to the District by the Compass Group of Lisbon, East Fairfield, Winona, and Damascus Churches.

*To be persuasive, we must be believable;
to be believable we must be credible;
to be credible, we must be truthful.*

- Edward R. Murrow

*The golden moments in the stream of life
rush past us and we are nothing but sand;
the angels come to visit us, and we only
know them when they are gone.*

- George Eliot

NOTES FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT LAKESIDE

You may donate to the Bishop's 3C's Offering by mailing your check to:
Bishop's 3C's Offering
P.O. Box 76019
Cleveland OH 44101-4755
(Mark "**E.O.C. Fund #9336**" in the memo line.)

Senate Bill #5 is supported by the United Methodist Church, according to the Methodist Book of Discipline.

The Board of East Ohio Conference voted for youth to serve on church boards and committees and to be informed of meetings, according to the Methodist Book of Discipline.

YOUTH — The Teens Conference is November 11, 2011 (11-11-11) at Fort Rapids in Columbus Ohio. More info on the conference website under "youth. Go to: www.eocumc.com

PLANNING AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

Keep Thursday evenings open this fall for your children to practice for the Christmas program. The program is for children Kindergarten through Grade 6.

We are hoping that more children will participate this year—especially our older children who are needed for speaking parts and solos.

Rehearsals will begin toward the end of October. We will have more info as it gets closer.



AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

United Methodist Community Center of Youngstown

For more than 70 years, the United Methodist Community Center has ministered to struggling families on the East Side of Youngstown, helping them to envision and pursue more satisfying lives. Much of its church-supported ministry benefits children.

The Center is a not-for-profit organization. They are affiliated with the General Board of Global Ministries. They are persons of all faith sharing themselves and their resources to combat human isolation and need.

The Community Center provides diversified social services to women, children and youth. They foster growth, knowledge, dignity, worth, and skill in the individual and the community.

Mark your offering: "Fund # 25"

UPDATE ON HONDURAS WORK TEAM FROM MERYL ESENWEIN

Praise the Lord for providing for the work team trip to Honduras. In 1940 my mother attended Sebring Camp meeting and heard about the Prayer Bands of World Gospel Mission. She started a Junior Prayer Band for children in our neighborhood to pray for missionaries. One of the families we prayed for was Don and Twana Hawk who started a Farm School for under-privileged boys in Honduras. The Lord willing, in August I will get to see that school, Escuela El Sembrador, with my own eyes. On the same acreage is a Bible Institute where some of the Farm School graduates, as well as graduates from other schools, can prepare for Christian service.

Most of the fifteen people on the August work team are from Michigan, while Sandra Payne and I are from Ohio. A special surprise is that my brother, Lavern, and great-great nephew Stephen from North Carolina are also going!

Please ask the Lord to prepare and enlarge our hearts so we can be used of Him in work and ministry. Pray also for safe travels, that God will keep us well and help us grow in the Lord and in loving His people in another land.

P.S. Borrow *Come What May*, by Betty Hockett, from the church library. It tells the story of the Hawks starting the Farm School!

UPDATE ON MISSION GIVINGS

Name of Mission	Need	Received	Still Need
Scouts	300	310	0
Way Station	150	276	0
4C's	125	530	0
Warren Com. Center	150	179	21
One Great Hour of Sharing	any donation	109	0
Japan Relief	any donation	110	0
Blankets+	any donation	139	0
Ron & Bonnie Gouge	300	981	0
Seth & Veronica Porter	any donation	420	0
Peace With Justice	any donation	61	0
Flat Rock	175	110	65
Community Center of Yo.	150	0	150

*Thank you for your
continued support of missions.*



Prayer, Care, and Share



Please keep the following people in your prayers

- ◆ **Ed Feezle** Was hospitalized with septic arthritis in his knees. Now home.
- ◆ **Harriet Carlisle** Colonoscopy was fine.
- ◆ **Marge** Tumor in bowel. Will need surgery. (Dick Sell's sister)
- ◆ **Doris Garrod** Broke her hip. In Whispering Pines.
- ◆ **Tracy Greenamyer** Migraines. (Barb & Joe DePillo's daughter)
- ◆ **Bob** Back problems. (Dolly Knight's son)
- ◆ **Tom** Cancer of prostate, spine, bones, colon, liver. (Dolly Knight's brother)
- ◆ **Bill & Jewel Furney** He is in Parkside rehab. She is in Whispering Pines Assisted Living.
- ◆ **Phyllis Webber** Recovering at home from knee replacement surgery on June 15.
- ◆ **Deana Warneke** Recovering from hip replacement surgery June 27.
- ◆ **Honduras Mission Trip** Meryl and Sandy will be attending August 8-18.
- ◆ **Bruce Henry** Working for the military in Bahrain. (Bill & Sue Kariher's nephew)
- ◆ **Kim Kolp** (Karen Namy's friend)

Sympathy

Herman Gorby passed away July 23, 2011.
Please keep Vivian and the family in your prayers.

Bob Hisey passed away July 12, 2011.
Please continue to keep Evelyn and the family in your prayers.

Serving in the Military

Kyle Crook ~ Sam Frost ~ James Frost ~ Kyle Gotch ~ Rob Ray ~ Cody Wine

Our Shut-ins

Evelyn Albright ~ Ramon and Sarah Berger ~ Virginia Crook ~ Susan Case
Allan and Carol Chamberlin ~ Virginia Crook ~ Kathryn Firestone ~ Doris Garrod ~ Harry and Ruth Hawkins
Dorothy McQuiston ~ Evalyn Morris ~ Helen Radler ~ Betty Vollnogle ~ John and Dorothy Ward

Thank You

Thank you so much for the Bible for my graduation. I truly appreciate all of the love and support you have given me throughout my life. I am blessed to be part of such a wonderful family.
- Hannah Vollnogle

Thank you for your recent gift of \$135. I have used part of that for a new tire.
I also used part of it for the typhoid and Tdap shots I still needed for the trip to Honduras.
- Meryl Esenwein

AUGUST 2011 ~ EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Mission of the Month: Youngstown United Methodist Community Center</p>	<p>1 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i></p> <p>10-11:30 Bible Study</p> <p>7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 Finance 7:30 Adm. Council</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00-8:00 The Word and Spirit Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 BAPTISM</p> <p>9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School</p> <p>6:30 - 8:00 Element 79 at Abundant Life in New Waterford</p>	<p>8 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i></p> <p>10:00-11:30 Bible Study</p> <p>7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00 - 5:30 Bus Trip to Middlefield</p> <p>7:00-8:00 The Word and Spirit Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Cub Scouts Movie Night at the church pavilion</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4:30-7:00 Ice Cream Festival</p>  <p>in the Pavilion</p>
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<p>21</p> <p>9:00 Pray for Missions</p> <p>9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School</p> <p>6:30 - 8:00 Element 79 at Abundant Life in New Waterford</p>	<p>22 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i></p> <p>10:00-11:30 Bible Study</p> <p>7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>8:00 Janie's Stephen Ministry Supervision Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00-8:00 The Word and Spirit Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 Newsletter Mailing Committee</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:00 Joy Circle</p> <p>7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 Finance 7:30 Adm. Council</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:00 Choir Picnic in the Pavilion (bring covered dish)</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00-8:00 The Word and Spirit Bible Study</p>			

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Steven Davis
- 2 Mike Holsinger, Abbie Miller
- 4 Dale Allen Cusick, Dalton Hart
- 5 Kristi Ebben, Dan Hill
- 6 Brent Cross
- 7 Hannah Vollnogle
- 8 Phyllis Porter, Jamie Webber
- 9 Zachary DaLonzo
- 10 Jim Bable
- 11 Michael Crook, Bill Rowley
- 12 Shannon Fieldhouse
- 13 Paul Kyser, Tom Russell
- 14 Sue Beiling, Adam Faulk, Brandon Moore
- 16 Carey Robins, Curtis Veiock
- 18 Seth Garwood
- 19 Thelma Adams, Paul Whitten
- 20 Georgette Gaston, Mark Graffius Jr., Kevin Zarnosky
- 21 Carol Bable, Carol Hennessey, Denise Webber
- 22 Kylie Crawl, Matthew Miller, Kelly Peppel
- 25 Marcia Webber
- 26 Jackelyn Garrett, Jacob Townsend
- 27 RaeAnn Gorby, Clint VanKirk
- 28 Gary Fieldhouse, Forrest Raschilla, Robert J. Smith
- 29 Bill Harding
- 30 Joyce Ward, Linda Schloneger
- 31 Virginia Crook, James R. Jones



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



- 3 Wade & Kayla Hart
- 4 Ron & Linda Cook
Jim & Patty Garwood
- 5 Shawn & Ginger Holloway
- 7 Dale & Kelly Cusick
- 8 Ben & Danette Palmer
- 15 Harold & Jane Baker
- 23 Keith & Carol Wilhelm
- 25 Charles & Sue Strobel
Wade & Sandra Payne
- 27 Jim & Linda Burkey
- 28 Ryan & Lindsay Tedeschi
- 29 Scott & Angela Pelinsky



CLASS RESPONSIBLE FOR COFFEE TIME

- Aug. - Pairs and Spares
- Sept. - Helping Hands
- Oct. - New Beginnings
- Nov. - Loyal Workers

LOOKING AHEAD

- September 11 - Sunday School Rally Day
- September 17 - J. Ellsworth Kalas, guest speaker. Light breakfast served.
- September 18 - Fall Fun Fest - Rev. L. Mark George, guest speaker
- September 25 - Marriage Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Services

Date	Nursery	Jr Church	Greeters	Liturgist	Speaker or Event
Aug. 7	Alisha Auer	Cyndi Straney	Keith & Carol Wilhelm		BAPTISM
Aug. 14	Miranda Barnett	Chris Baker	Jim & Carol Bable		
Aug. 21	Alisha Auer	Anita Cusick	Pam Graham		
Aug. 28	Miranda Barnett	Pam Boyarko			
Sept. 4	Anita Cusick	Cyndi Straney	Esther Chamberlain		LABOR DAY

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Grandma's Button Box

Depth not length, is important. Not how long you take to talk, but how much you say. Not how flowery and eloquent you sound, but how sincerely and succinctly you speak ... that's what is important ... that's what is remembered. There were three constants in Grandma's house when I was a child. I could always count on Grandpa sitting at the kitchen table with a portable radio as he listened to the Detroit Tigers baseball games. There were the puffy and sweet homemade sugar cookies filled with a moist raisin center. And then there was the button box ... an old box filled with every kind of button imaginable. I remember seeing my Grandma cutting the buttons off an old work shirt one afternoon. I asked her why she bothered since she already had so many in her box. Her eyes opened wide in disbelief and she said, "You never know if you might need just this size button." She then held up her most recently orphaned button. After that, I never questioned Grandma about her practical ways.

I guess it was just instinctive, but Grandma always could tell the right moment to pull out the button box and my brother and I would start stringing buttons. What fun we had making all kinds of different designs and sometimes fighting over an unusual button. I can't remember ever going to my Grandparents' house without spending time stringing buttons. It seemed a shame to spill them all out once our string was full, but then again Grandma would remind us that the buttons weren't going anywhere and would be waiting for us the next time around. Over fifteen years have passed since Grandma died, but every day I have a reminder of the simple joys of childhood inspired by this loving and creative lady. On my kitchen counter, in a glass jar, lovingly sits the same buttons waiting for some child to get bored and start stringing.

Edited from an article by **Michele Howe** posted 03/02/2005 at www.heartlight.org

Note from Denise: *My mother, who passed away six years ago today, also had a button jar that we would spend hours sorting through. Recently I was inspired to start my own button jar so that I could pass this simple joy on to my grandchildren. I must report that it has already been a success, as the twins (in dire need of a distraction) spent an hour last evening sorting the buttons into piles of all their favorite colors. Maybe you too will be inspired to start a button jar.*